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BY ECF AND HAND

Magistrate Judge Kiyo A. Matsumoto
United States Magistrate Judge
United States Courthouse
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: Weiss et al. v. National Westminster Bank Plc, 05-CV-4622 (CPS) (KAM)

Dear Magistrate Judge Matsumoto:

I am writing to provide the report that Your Honor requested at the September 11, 2006 discovery conference concerning the status of the request by defendant National Westminster Bank Plc ("NatWest") to its customer in England, Interpal, that Interpal provide its written consent for NatWest to disclose documents pertaining to Interpal's customer relationship with NatWest, and thereby comply with plaintiffs' pending discovery requests.

Pursuant to Your Honor's instructions, I wrote last week to Interpal's English counsel and made the following points. First, I reiterated NatWest's desire for a prompt response to its July 3 and July 27 written requests that Interpal provide its consent for NatWest to disclose documents pertaining to Interpal's customer relationship with NatWest, for purposes of discovery in this lawsuit.

Second, I informed Interpal's counsel that, at last week's discovery conference, Your Honor expressed the wish that Interpal respond promptly to NatWest's pending request, and I noted that, if Interpal does not respond promptly, Your Honor will consider ordering it to explain why the Court should not require Interpal to respond promptly.

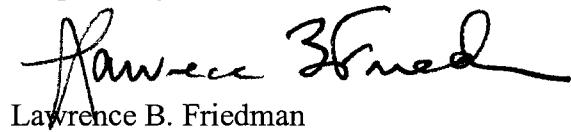
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Third, I conveyed the Court's request that, if Interpal will not respond to NatWest's request immediately, it should provide NatWest with the date by which Interpal will respond to NatWest's request.

Fourth, noting that the Court had asked me to provide a status report no later than today, I asked Interpal's counsel to respond to my letter before today.

To date, neither NatWest nor I has received any response to our prior letters to Interpal and its counsel, including my letter to counsel of last week. I will promptly inform the Court as soon as we receive any such response.

Respectfully,



The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence B. Friedman".

Lawrence B. Friedman

cc: All Counsel